

liffy heights the Negro has evinced a patriotism that is the marvel of the world. Great was the soldier who followed Alexander in the conquest of the world or Caesar in the subjugation of the Gauls, or the great Napoleon in all the dazzling splendor of his military genius. But greater was the colored soldier who followed Grant to Appomattox and Shafter to Santiago. The former fought for the glory of his general, the latter for the glory of a principal as stainless as a star. The former fought for the spoils of victory, the latter for a greater justice to an alien people than he himself possessed. No monument can set off his glory. Nothing covers his fame but the jeweled and vaulted skies.

THE NEGRO IN LITERATURE.

Under republican influence the colored citizen is mastering the higher forms of thought and literature. "The history of American poetry," says one eminent literary critic, "can no longer be written without the name of a Negro—Paul Lawrence Dunbar." "Throughout the country the colored citizen sings with Homer, of the fall of Troy, and sighs with Odysseus in his wondering for the peace of home. He is borne with Milton upon the wings of imagination, amid the choirs of angels, discouraging upon the themes and mighty destiny of the human soul. He is charmed by the matchless allegory of Dante, describing amid the scenes of Florence, the march of a soul from sin to perfection. He shudders with Macbeth at the commission of murder, lured by the glittering prizes of ambition to the dreadful field of Dunsinane. He falls with Lear upon the heights of Dover and feels with Hamlet the fierce tumult of the storm, which beat against the throne at Elsinore. The Negro's culture has increased his civic and social function and added to his pleasure. He is edified as he walks along mountain sides whose summits are lost amid thunder's sullen roar; or as he stands by the flower fringed banks of winding rivers that flow to sunless seas. He appreciates the beauty of evenings clad in all the glory of glittering stars and the splendor of rising and setting suns which mark the purple changing on the hills. In his imagination he views all the crystal cities of the heavens and rides on lightning's fiery steeds which drag the muttering thunder about the sky. His aesthetic nature rejoices in contemplation of bespangled plains and verdant meads where summer's sun sifts through interlacing boughs, where soft and sombre zephyr sigh, and music throated birds enchant the listening air. Who will keep such a people from an equal opportunity in the glory and destiny of the American people?

REPUBLICAN ACHIEVEMENTS AND McKINLEY.

The republican party is the glory of America, the flower of civilization, and the hope of the world. A long side the Negro's wonderful progress is the unparalleled achievements of the republican party. It began by freeing four million bondsmen and conferring upon them the opportunities and duties of citizens. It secured forever the union of states, developed our resources and planted the American flag upon the islands of the sea.

In this thought I am reminded of that world structure the vatican of Rome, where through the Pilgrims from every quarter of the globe. On its walls where hang the ripest and richest fruits of the genius of Raphael and Angelo a presentation, of a muse. She is seated on a throne of marble. Her feet rest upon the cloud. Her outstretched

ed arms and laurelled head extend far into the Empyrean, while about her maiden throat is a circlet enamelled with unaging stars. She was the inspiration to Dante when he wrote his "Divina Comedia." As Dante repaired here to renew his inspiration so the republican party shall repair for inspiration to the life and services of William McKinley, who best typified its principles and executed its purposes, to meet the unsolved problem of the present and future, undimmed by his death and unscathed by his sudden tragic taking off.

ROOSEVELT HERO OF SAN JUAN

We turn from the new made grave at Canton to the "Hero" of the White House Theodore Roosevelt. His scholarship and fearless advocacy of the right have won for him the admiration of the world. His life is an inspiration to the high manhood of the globe. Everywhere his courage has added new lustre to American arms, and his private and public life have strengthened, the civic virtue of the world. His presidency will give new fame to the grandeur of the republic. Under his all round leadership we take up the unfinished work of McKinley. We will not falter, we shall not fail. For none know better than he that:

"All merits comes from braving the unequal, All glory comes from daring to begin, Fame loves the state that reckless of the sequel fights for the right whether it lose or win."

BETHEL LITERARY SOCIETY

An Interesting Program for This Year.

The first half of the twentieth session of the Bethel Literary Society closed last Tuesday, December 17, with an address on the Ecumenical Confer



BISHOP B. F. LEE,

ence at London, by Rev. Benj. F. Lee, Bishop A. M. E. Church, who described the proceedings of that convention of Methodist notables and the general plan and purpose of the Methodist church in such a graphic and thoughtful style as to awaken the earnest attention to elicit the hearty applause from his hearers. Much enthusiasm has been shown by the large audience in the meetings of the Society up to date, interesting subjects have resulted, and a loyal support has been extended by officers members and friends to President Cardozo in his efforts to continue at Bethel the good work done by a long line of eminent predecessors.

With their aid an exceptional program has been arranged for the current month.

Tuesday, January 7, Lecture Recital, Miss Harriet Gibbs, etc. (notice elsewhere); Tuesday, January 14, John Mitchell, Jr., Esq., Editor "Richmond Planet," Subject "Judge Lynch and His Victims;" Tuesday, January 21, Prof. D. J. Sanders, Pres. Biddle University, Charlotte, N. C., Subject, "The

CONGRESSMAN OGDEN SAYS:

"For those who need a good catarrh medicine I know of nothing better than Peruna."



Congressman Henry W. Ogden, of Louisiana.

Hon. H. W. Ogden, Congressman from Louisiana, was elected to the 53d, 54th and 55th Congress. In a letter written at Washington, D. C., he says the following of Peruna, the national catarrh remedy:

"I can conscientiously recommend your Peruna as a fine tonic and all round good medicine to those who are in need of a catarrh remedy. It has been commended to me by people who have used it, as a remedy particularly effective in the cure of catarrh. For those who need a good catarrh medicine I know of nothing better."

Mr. Virgil Rowlee, Fulton, Oswego, county, N. Y., writes: "I am an old soldier, and have doctored with five different doctors for stomach trouble for three years. I could get no help. I took your Peruna and now feel like a new man. I can recommend it to anyone suffering with catarrh of the stomach. A great many people want to know what I took that helped me so much. I tell them it was Peruna. One year ago I could hardly do anything and only weighed 100 pounds. Now I weigh 140 and cannot say too much for your medicine, as it has done me so much good."

So many people think catarrh affects the head only. This is a great mistake. The stomach is liable to catarrh. The kidneys are also very liable to catarrh, producing all the symptoms of kidney disease. Most cases of weak back are

due to catarrh of the kidneys. Catarrh of the bladder is a common disease, and is rapidly becoming more and more common. It produces the host of distressing symptoms which follow bladder disease. In short, all urinary and pelvic organs are subject to catarrh, and catarrh is more frequently the cause of disease of these organs than all other causes combined.

Mr. J. Edward Williams, of Lebanon, O., Box 438, was cured of systemic catarrh by Peruna. Systemic catarrh is that condition in which catarrh has permeated the whole system. Mr. Williams says: "I took Peruna for acute catarrh of the entire membranous process."

"I suffered every conceivable evil that can accompany chronic catarrh in its most aggravated form. I coughed incessantly. My stomach refused to do its duty at all. The intestines became inflamed, the kidneys were paralyzed, the bladder lost its tonicity. I began with Peruna, and realized a steady improvement from the first until I was entirely cured."

Dr. Hartman, the discoverer of Peruna, has written a book on the different phases and stages of catarrh. This book contains the doctor's opinion as to the treatment of catarrh from an experience of over forty years. Address The Peru-Medicine Co., Columbus, O., for a free copy of this book.

New South;" Tuesday, January 28, J. C. Asbury, Esq., Editor Odd Fellows' Journal, Phila., Pa., Subject, "The Negro and the Ballot." Among later visiting speakers are: Profs. W. S. Scarborough and J. W. E. Bowen, and Jno C. Dancy.

The public is cordially welcomed and discussion is invited at all of these meetings, which during January are to be held in the Lincoln Memorial Temple, 11th & R Streets, Northwest. Begin at 8 o'clock, sharp.

Dr. Jordan Sails.

Rev L. G. Jordan, secretary of the National Baptist Foreign Mission Board, with headquarters at Louisville, Kentucky, sailed for the Dark Continent last week. Dr. Jordan is one of the most active forces in the Baptist denomination and the more than one million Baptists wish for him a successful and a pleasant voyage on his trip to the Fatherland.

Lecture Recital.

Lecture Recital at Lincoln Memorial Temp'e, 11th and R Streets, Northwest, 8 o'clock, P. M., Tuesday, January 7, by Miss Harriete Gibbs, Assistant Director of Music, Public Schools, D. C. assisted by Miss Lula Childers, a graduate of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, and a contralto of pure and rich

quality, who has achieved an enviable reputation as an artist. Miss L. A. Haywood, accompanist assisted also by the Treble Clef. Silver Offering at the door. Proceeds for the benefit of the Bethel Literary Society. A generous response is asked from the friends and supporters of good music and the society.

A Howardite in West Virginia.

Dr. C. C. Barnett of Howard Medical College is the latest Medico to cover himself with glory. He is to be congratulated upon entering the state examination at Huntington West Virginia last November and walking away with a certificate of such high standing as might well invite the envy of many another. Dr. Barnett was personally complimented by the Board of Examiners on his excellent effort. If he should follow out his intention of going out there to practice, no more ardent well wishes will follow him than those of the Colored American.

Mr. Paul Lawrence Dunbar, America's poet-laureate, is spending his holidays in the city. Paul seems to possess all of the brightness, wit and virtue of Burns, of Poe, of Riley and Gene Fields. He has the poetic genius of all of them and a personality that is peculiarly Dunbarian.